



*Town of Walpole
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*William Abbott, Chair
Glenn Maffei, Clerk
Patrick Fasanello, Member
John Hasenjaeger, Member
John Spillane, Member*

Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners

**Monday, May 10, 2021
2:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, May 10, 2021. The meeting is called to order remotely via Zoom by Board Chair William Abbott at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Abbott recites the Executive Order on Remote Participation.

Present Remotely at the Meeting:

Sewer and Water Commissioners:

William Abbott, Patrick Fasanello, Glenn Maffei, John Hasenjaeger, (*John Spillane was absent*)

Other Participants:

Bernie Marshall, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Rick Mattson, Director of Public Works, Scott Gustafson, Assistant Water & Sewer Superintendent, Mary Timilty, Kevin Orlando, All Season Septic, Mark Travis and Andrew Boyd, Mass Installation.

Abatelements

Motion Made by Glenn Maffei to approve the abatements for Mr. Abbott to sign. ***Seconded*** by John Hasenjaeger

Roll Call Vote Glenn Maffei-Aye, Patrick Fasanello-Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye, William Abbott-Aye.
Vote 4-0-0

Minutes of April 12, 2021

Motion Made by Glenn Maffei to approve the April 12, 2021 minutes ***Seconded*** by John Hasenjaeger

Roll Call Vote Glenn Maffei-Aye, Patrick Fasanello-Aye, John Hasenjaeger-Aye, William Abbott-Aye.
Vote 4-0-0

Superintendents Report

Mr. Marshall shares award information from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Drinking Water Program for outstanding performance. Mr. Marshall updates the Board that the 2021 water restrictions began on May 3, 2021 and updates on the monitoring process. Mr. Marshall reports that Mine Brook 3A is currently being cleaned after a failure due to one of the seals having a hole in one of the columns of the well and the pump is being overhauled. This was discovered when the department went to take a PFAS sample and that it was determined the well could not pump and the well company D.L. Maher was called and in the process of reconditioning the well. The SCADA system upgrade is 90-95% done and they are working out some small bugs with the SCADA contractor and all is going well. The grant program is still ongoing and going well. Mr. Marshall updates the Plain Street project is

placed in service and updated about the 1A project and the distribution crew. Mr. Marshall provides an update about the upcoming Delaney Plant rehabilitation filter project and the generator project. Mr. Marshall updates on the recent PFAS samples taken and it would determine the town was under the maximum contaminate level and that we were asked to do a confirmatory sampling. Mr. Marshall updated that every well was sampled last Tuesday except Mine brook 3A which was being cleaned and are awaiting the results. Mr. Marshall reported the drying lagoons at the Willis Plant will be cleaned and retro fitted over the next 3-4 weeks. The lagoons have not dried out enough for the crew to take the sludge out and he spoke to the vendor and the curtain will be ordered by mid to late week. Once the lagoon is clean we will be well on our way to stay in compliance until we have it engineered and see what to do going forward. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks about the PFAS testing results and would like to know if we have high rating. Mr. Marshall comments we do not have a high rating and that is why we are allowed to continue. Mr. Marshall comments they still want the town to do confirmatory samples and what was found is not of concern right now for public notification nor is it tipping the scales in the maximum contaminate level. However, they want us to sample each well to see where the most concentration of the PFAS lies and we are currently in the process of that now. Mr. Abbott comments as he understands it, what gets into the distribution system is acceptable and is underneath the maximum containment level and what we could find out when each Well is tested that is double the standard in one well and none in another. Mr. Abbott continues that if it averages out and it is a potential problem, we could have to shut one well down if it is over the potential limits. Mr. Marshall answers we do not have the backup or the tests back to indicate that shutting down a well could be an issue. Mr. Maffei asks if this is one of the unregulated substances or if this the first year testing for PFAS and Mr. Marshall answers this is the first year. Mr. Fasanello asks if the green sand plant can get rid of some of the PFAS. Mr. Marshall answers the green sand will get rid of some of the PFAS, however it is not known exactly what concentration will and that is why we are taking individual samples of the wells at the entry point of the system and from the actual source of the system. Mr. Fasanello asks if PFAS was found at the other treatment plans and Mr. Marshall answers very low numbers. Mr. Hasenjaeger comments he is concerned with the low numbers and asks for some hard data for the schedule of risk. Further discussion is had on what the number limits are for when the public has to be notified. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks for a report and to be update at the next meeting or two. Mr. Marshall provides an update on the status of the meter and transmitter replacements.

Comment Request #1

1427-1429 Main Street Site Plan Approval-Memo from Planning Board 4/23/21

Comment Request #2

1427-1429 Main Street Definitive Subdivision-Memo from Planning Board 4/28/21

Mr. Abbott comments the two requests from the Planning Board deal with the same location dealing with an extension of Marion Street. One of them is to subdivide the property that is one Main Street which then makes a lot they can build on and the second one is what's actually being proposed. Mr. Marshall comments he spoke with the Engineer and the house they want to build is out in the back and is going to be on septic. Mr. Fasanello asks what size line they will be running down the street and Mr. Marshall answers it will be a one inch line. Mr. Abbott comments when he looked at the water distribution map it looks like William Street might be a six inch and Marion Street might be a four inch line. Mr. Hasenjaeger comments he thinks the impervious area of the commercial lot must be right to the limit and he is not sure if they subdivided after they built something. The question is did they allow enough land to still meet the ratios for the first thing they built a-and it is usually something the Zoning Board would do calculations for. Further discussion is had by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Hasenjaeger on the small lot area. Mr. Abbott comments that based on the sewer master plan the area of William Street and

Marion Street are in the highest rated in need of sewer and further discussion is had on this topic. Mr. Abbott recommends the Board can let the Planning Board know they are giving some thought about extending the sewer system and this street is a top priority and cannot give an exact timeframe and also to comment on if there are any problems with the water and just connecting to one house and further discussion is had. Mr. Hasenjaeger recommends to comment to the Planning Board having a deed restrict the parcel to one home as he's proposing. Mr. Marshall suggests he meets with the Sewer and Water Commissioners at a later date to look at the proposed sewer expansion and make a list of wants and desires.

Motion Made by Mr. Abbott that The Sewer and Water Commission has no comment as far as subdividing the existing lot and on the proposed single family resident. The Board has no concerns with water, or at this time them building a septic system. However, the applicant should be aware that this street is one of the highest priorities to extend the sewer system. When the commission gets around to doing that. **Seconded** by Mr. Hasenjaeger

Roll Call Vote Glenn Maffei-Aye, Patrick Fasanello-Abstain, John Hasenjaeger-Aye, William Abbott-Aye.

Vote 3-0-1

Correspondence #1

Comments Re: Definitive Plan Review-New World Estates off Peach Street from Town Engineer Carl Balduf and Assistant Town Engineer Chris Johnson

No additional comments made by the Board

Correspondence #2

Memorandum from Richard Mattson, Director of Public Works Re: Standby Generators-Contract #2021-11

Motion Made by Mr. Maffei to recommend awarding the standby generator contract to Fall River Electrical Associates. **Seconded** by Mr. Hasenjaeger

Roll Call Vote Glenn Maffei-Aye, Patrick Fasanello (did not vote because he feels it should be a Sewer and Water Contract and not the Select Board), John Hasenjaeger-Aye, William Abbott-Aye.

Vote 3-0-0

Appointment #1

2:20 p.m. Kevin Orlando, All Seasons Septic to discuss Septage Facility Hours

Kevin Orlando attended to discuss extending the septage facility hours and Mr. Abbott made Mr. Orlando aware that the Zoning Board when they allowed the facility to be built, did have some restrictions that are related to the school and when the students would be passing by the facility. Mr. Abbott asks Mr. Orlando exactly what he is looking for. Mr. Orlando discusses in length his current situation and the need for the hours at the facility to be extended. Mr. Marshall comments on the current staff's hours and other duties during the day and feels they make every arrangement and situation possible for the hauling companies.

Motion Made by Mr. Fasanello that the Board keep the facility open for five hours a day for five days a week and leave it up to administration to figure out how to do that. **Seconded** by Mr. Maffei Mr. Hasenjaeger has comments on the motion that this should be up to the Board and not Town Administration what hours the facility should be open. Mr. Maffei comments that if this needs to be revisited the Board can revisit and this is the decision today. Further discussion is had regarding the hours.

Roll Call Vote Glenn Maffei-Aye, Patrick Fasanello-Aye, John Hasenjaeger-No, William Abbott-Aye.

Vote 3-1-0

Appointment #2

2:35 p.m. Mark Travis, Mass Installation to discuss MII and Metron-Farnier Water Meters

Mark Travis and Andrew Boyd from Mass Installation appeared in front of the Board to discuss the water meter infrastructure and how our current system may be in need of an upgrade. Mr. Travis presented a lengthy presentation on the Metron-Farnier Water Meters and the Water Scope Online Portal. Mr. Travis explains that this system has the ability to leverage the existing cellular network so that this is no additional infrastructure costs and no FCC license needed. Mr. Travis continues there is no long term software maintenance agreements, no software license maintenance fees and the upfront cost of the system covers the life of the system with a 20 year battery warranty. Mr. Travis continues to explain in length all the features of the system. Mr. Mattson asks if you could use any brand meter with this system and Mr. Travis answers yes and explains the technology itself is proprietary to Metron but the ability to place it on anybody else's product is 100% yes. Mr. Marshall asks if the data will be compatible with the Munis Billing System and Mr. Travis provides examples of towns that currently use Munis and using Waterscope. Further discussion is had on the billing and exporting of data. Mr. Mattson asks on a budgetary standpoint what is the per unit cost for a ¾ meter installed by the town crew. Mr. Travis answers were are looking at about \$335 per unit which covers the life of that meter, all the updates of the support of the billing interface and the consumer platform. Mr. Mattson asks what the cost would be if just meter head is installed on an existing meter installed and Mr. Travis answers \$305. Mr. Fasanello asks what the savings would be for the Town and Mr. Travis he is sending over some information. Further discussion is had on the cellular technology.

Motion Made by Mr. Maffei to adjourn at 3:54 p.m. and ***Seconded*** by Mr. Fasanello

Roll Call Vote John Hasenjaeger-Aye, Glenn Maffei-Aye, Patrick Fasanello-Aye, William Abbott-Aye
Vote 4-0-0

Date Meeting Minutes Accepted 7/12/2021